Setting up of new Food processing Industries for Marine FoodVSea Foods

1316. SHRI ARANGIL SEEEDHARAN: WiU the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Food Processing Industries for which licences are likely to be given;

(b) the number of Units which; have started functioning in the marine foods/fiea foods sector; and

(c) the incentives being given/proposed to be given for such priority-based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proposals for setting up of new food processing units are considered on merit. No number has been .fixed as licences are issued to all deserving **eases.**

(b) 22 deep sea fishing vessels have been acquired by fishing companies during the year 1988-80 and of them have started -functioning. Moreover, 37 freezing plants have also been registered by Marine Products Export Dev. Authority during the year.

(c) The following incentives are given for the promotion of sea food Industries:

(1) Augmentation of deep sea fishing fleet through a judicious mix of indigenous, imported and chartered fishing vessels;

(li) Prwiding 33 per cent subsidy on the cost of indigenously built) deep sea fishing vessels;

(iii) Augmentation of fishery surveys and training of fishery operatives;

(iv) Assistance for construction of fishing harbours and landing & berthing facilities at fishing Centre* to States;

(v) Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone through enactment of Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981; and

(vi) Encouraging moforisation of tradi'ional fishing boats and introduction of improved ■ Beach Landing ■ Craft by providing subsidy.

Helping the bonded labourers and child labourers

1317. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to help bonded labourers and child labourers in the country;

(b) the number of factory-owners who have been prosecuted for violating the prevalent rules governing bonded labour; and

(c) the number of rehabilitation centres opened for these poor bonded/ child labour, specially in backward State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition-) Act, 1976, the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labour rests with the State Government concerned. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments, the Central Government had been operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of released - bonded labour since 1978-79 under which an amount of Rs. 6,250/- is made available for rehabilitation of a bonded labourer, a half of which is contributed by the State Govt, concerned. Another scheme had been launched by